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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MA, SE

SUBJECT: RATSIRAKA/MANCHAM COMMENTS ON DIEGO GARCIA

1. FBIS DEC. 14 CARRIES AFP REPORT DATELINED ANTANANARIVO  
DEC. 13 ON TALKS BETWEEN RATSIRAKA AND VISITING SEYCHELLES  
PRESIDENT MANCHAM. REPORT SAYS "RATSIRAKA SAID MADAGASCAR  
AND SEYCHELLES WERE ... CAMPAIGNING FOR REMOVAL OF U.S.  
BASE ON ISLAND OF DIEGO GARCIA."

2. REQUEST COMMENTS OF EMBASSIES TANANARIVE AND VICTORIA  
AS TO WHETHER AFP ITEM ACCURATELY REFLECTED RATSIRAKA  
STATEMENT AND/OR ANY PUBLIC COMMENT BY MANCHAM TO THIS  
EFFECT. WAS ANY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER MANCHAM VISIT?

3. FOR VICTORIA: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EMBASSY  
RUNDOWN OF GOS STATEMENTS ON INDIAN OCEAN AND DIEGO GARCIA  
DURING POST-INDEPENDENCE PERIOD AS WELL AS EMBASSY APPRAIS-  
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AL OF MANCHAM'S OWN VIEWS ON SUBJECT.  
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